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GIS Tools for Bicycle Network Analysis and Planning

Friday Transportation Seminar, May 30, 2014
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Tool 1: Calculate Bicycle Level of Service

Tool 2: Calculate Community-wide Bikeability

Tool 3: Estimate Bicycle Volumes

Tool 4: Assess Dangerous Situation Exposure



Tool 1

CALCULATE BICYCLE LEVEL OF SERVICE

Background

- **Bicycle Suitability**

Perceived comfort and safety of a segment of street or pathway

- **Bikeability**

Perceived comfort and safety of network connectivity for accessing important destinations

- **Bicycle Friendliness**

Perceived comfort and safety of all aspects of bicycle travel, including bikeability, laws and policies to promote bicycling, education efforts to encourage bicycling, and general acceptance of bicycling throughout the community

Name of Method	Acronym	Author	Date
Bicycle Safety Index Rating	BSIR	Davis	1987
Bicycle Stress Level	BSL	Sorton and Walsh	1994
Road Condition Index	RCI	Epperson	1994
Interaction Hazard Score	HIS	Landis	1994
Bicycle Suitability Rating	BSR	Davis	1995
Bicycle Level of Service	BLOS	Botma	1995
Bicycle Level of Service	BLOS	Dixon	1996
Bicycle Suitability Score	BSS	Turner et al	1997
Bicycle Compatibility Index	BCI	Harkey et al	1998
Bicycle Suitability Assessment	BSA	Emery and Crump	2003
Rural Bicycle Compatibility Index	RBCI	Jones	2003
Compatibility of Roads for Cyclists	CRC	Noel et al	2003
Bicycle Level of Service	BLOS	Zolnik	2007
Bicycle Level of Service	BLOS	Jensen	2007
Bicycle Level of Service	BLOS	Petritsch et al	2007
Bicycle Environmental Quality Index	BEQI	SFDPH	2009
Bicycle Quality Index	BQI	Birk et al	2010
Bicycle Level of Service	BLOS	HCM	2011
Bicycle Levels of Traffic Stress	LTS	Mekuria and Furth	2012
Protected Lane Level of Service	PL-LOS	Foster and Monsere	Today

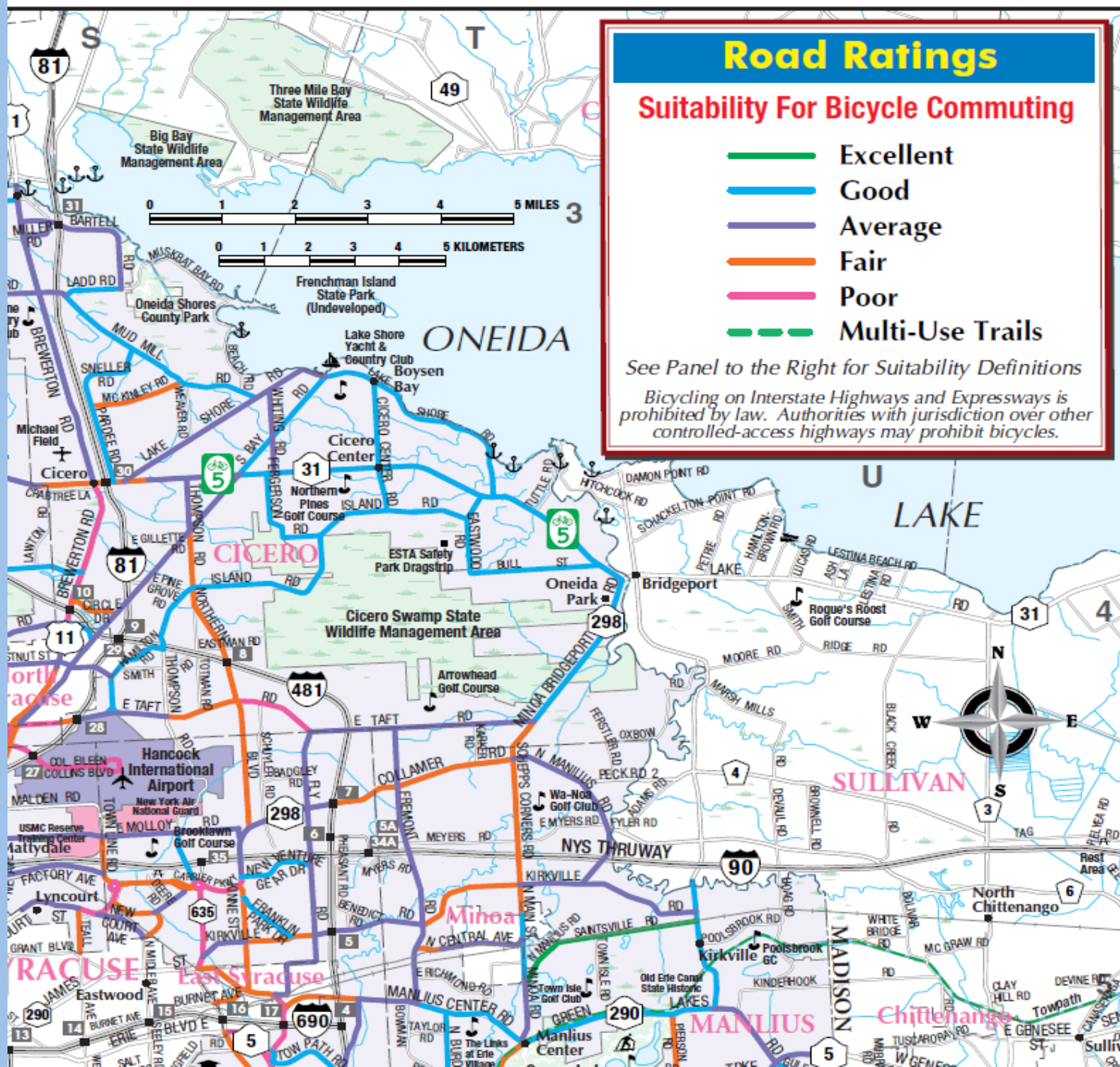
Road Ratings

Suitability For Bicycle Commuting

-  Excellent
-  Good
-  Average
-  Fair
-  Poor
-  Multi-Use Trails

See Panel to the Right for Suitability Definitions

Bicycling on Interstate Highways and Expressways is prohibited by law. Authorities with jurisdiction over other controlled-access highways may prohibit bicycles.



Attribute	Method				
	BSL	BSS	BCI	BSA	BLOS
width of outside lane	x	x	x	x	x
width of bike lane			x	x	x
width of shoulder		x	x	x	x
on-street parking			x	x	x
presence of curb				x	x
vehicle traffic volume	x	x	x	x	x
number of lanes				x	x
speed limit	x	x	x	x	x
percent heavy vehicles			x		x
pavement condition		x		x	x
elevation grades				x	
adjacent land use			x	x	
storm drain grate				x	
physical median				x	
turn lanes			x	x	
frequent curves				x	
restricted sight distance				x	
numerous driveways				x	
presence of sidewalks				x	

Equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Bicycle Level of Service} = & 0.76 + [-0.005((w_{ol} + w_{bl} + w_{os})(2 - 0.005v) + (w_{bl} + w_{os} - 20p_{pk}) - 1.5c)^2] \\
 & + 0.507 \ln\left(\frac{v}{4N_{th}}\right) \\
 & + 0.199[1.119 \ln(S - 20) + 0.8103](1 + 0.1038P_{HV})^2 + 7.066\left(\frac{1}{P_c^2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Input

Attribute	Description
wol	width of outside lane (ft)
wbl	width of bike lane (ft)
wos	width of outside shoulder including parking and gutter (ft)
ppk	estimated proportion of on-street parking that would be occupied during analysis period (decimal)
c	curb present (yes = 1, no = 0)
v	directional analysis period vehicle volume (vph)
Nth	number of through lanes (#)
S	average vehicle speed (mph)
PHV	percent heavy vehicles (decimal)
Pc	pavement condition (poor-excellent) (0-5)

Output

BLOS	Letter Grade
≤ 2.00	A
2.00-2.75	B
2.75-3.50	C
3.50-4.25	D
4.25-5.00	E
>5.00	F



Equation

$$\text{Bicycle Suitability Score} = \text{Traffic Volume Factor Score} + \text{Shoulder Width Factor Score} + \text{Speed Limit Factor Score} + \text{Pavement Factor Score}$$

Input

Traffic Volume (ADT per lane)	Shoulder Width [If no shoulder, Curb Lane Width] (ft)	Speed Limit (mph)	Pavement Condition (HPMS rating)	Factor Score
≤ 1,000	≥ 6 [≥ 15]	≤ 40	4-5	2
1,000-1,999	4-6 [14-15]	49-50	3-4	1
2,000-4,999	2-4 [12-14]	50-59	3	0
5,000-9,999	0-2 [12]	60-69	2-3	-1
≥ 10,000	0 [≤ 12]	≥ 70	1-2	-2

Output

Score Range	Interpretation
6 to 8	All four suitability factors have greater than minimum desirable values. The physical characteristics of the roadway are most likely desirable by intermediate to experienced bicyclists.
-1 to 5	At least three of the four suitability factors have minimum desirable or greater than minimum desirable values. One suitability factor may have less than desirable values. The physical characteristics of the roadway could be desirable by intermediate to experienced bicyclists.
-2 to -5	At least two of the four suitability factors have less than minimum desirable values. One or two of the suitability factors may have minimum desirable values. The physical characteristics of the roadway may not be desirable by intermediate to experienced bicyclists.
-6 to -8	All four of the suitability factors have less than the minimum desirable values. The physical characteristics of the roadway are most likely undesirable by intermediate to experienced bicyclists.

Intended for state highways and intermediate or experienced bicyclists.

Date: <u>April 4, 2002</u> Data Collector Name: <u>Jim</u> Segment ID Number/Name: <u>101 - Sample</u> Boundary streets: <u>Walnut / Tulip</u>	Comments/Suggested Improvements: <h2 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">BICYCLE SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT</h2>
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A) General Road Factors	Measures
1) Annual Avg. Daily Traffic (AADT)	<u>16,500</u>
2) Total number of through lanes	<u>2</u>
3) Speed (mph)	<u>35</u>
4) Outside lane width (e.g., 11.5')	<u>12.5</u>
5) Bike lane or paved shoulder width (e.g., 4.5') (Note - a marked bike lane.)	<u>Ø</u>

Record these measures in the formula below

B) Pavement Factors	Score
1) (circle one pavement description) (record score)	
Very Good = 0.25	
Good = <u>0.75</u>	<u>0.75</u>
Fair = 1.50	
Poor = 2.25	
Very Poor = 3.75	
2) Presence of a Curb <u>Y</u> N	Yes = <u>0.25</u>
3) Rough RR Crossing <u>Y</u> <u>N</u>	Yes = <u>0.50</u>
4) Storm Drain Grate <u>Y</u> N	Yes = <u>0.75</u>
TOTAL Scores	
Record score in formula below	<u>1.75</u>

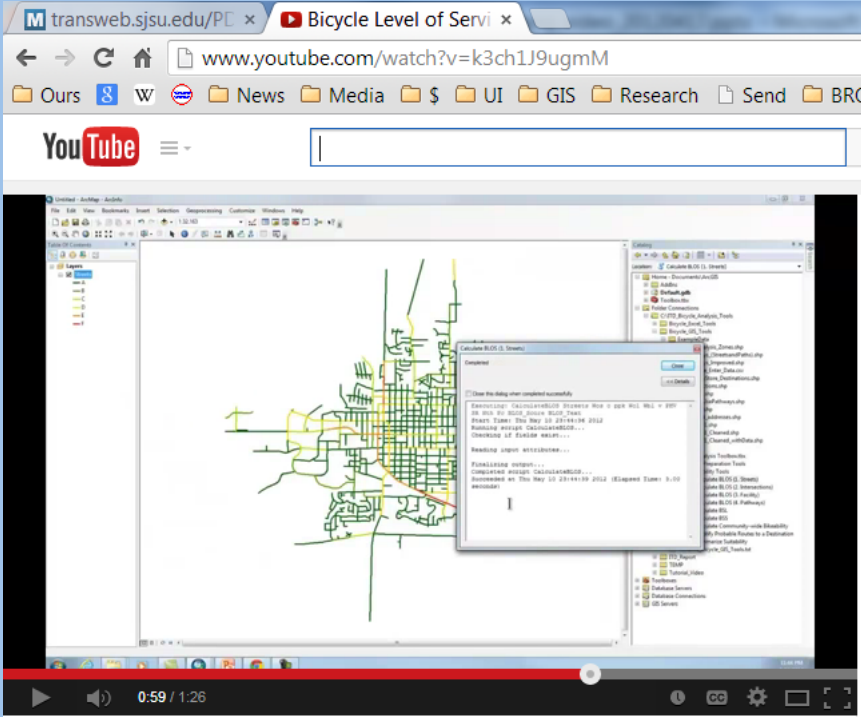
C) Location Factors	Yes/No (circle)	Score for "Yes"
1) Angle Parking	Y <u>N</u>	0.75
2) Parallel Parking	<u>Y</u> N	<u>0.50</u>
3) Right-Only Turn Lanes	<u>Y</u> N	<u>0.25</u>
4) Center (Both) Turn Lane	Y <u>N</u>	-0.25
5) Physical Median	Y <u>N</u>	-0.50
6) Paved Shoulder	Y <u>N</u>	-0.75
7) Marked Bike Lane	Y <u>N</u>	-1.00
8) Severe Grades	Y <u>N</u>	0.50
9) Moderate Grades	<u>Y</u> N	<u>0.25</u>
10) Frequent Curves	<u>Y</u> N	<u>0.25</u>
11) Restricted Sight Distance	<u>Y</u> N	<u>0.50</u>
12) Numerous Driveways	<u>Y</u> N	<u>0.50</u>
13) Numerous Intersections	Y <u>N</u>	0.75
14) Difficult Intersections	Y <u>N</u>	1.00
15) Industrial Land Use	Y <u>N</u>	0.50
16) Commercial Land Use	<u>Y</u> N	<u>0.25</u>
17) Sidewalk Only One Side	<u>Y</u> N	<u>0.25</u>
18) Sidewalks do not exist	Y <u>N</u>	0.50
TOTAL all "YES" points		
Record score in formula below		<u>2.75</u>

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{AADT} & & \text{Speed (mph)} & & \text{Outside Lane Width} & \text{Bike Lane or Paved Shoulder Width} & \text{Bicycle Suitability Score} \\
 \hline
 \boxed{16,500} & + & \boxed{35} & + & 14 - \boxed{12.5} - \boxed{\emptyset} & + \boxed{1.75} & + \boxed{2.75} = \boxed{9.6} \\
 \hline
 \boxed{2} & * & 2500 & & 35 & & 2
 \end{array}$$

of thru Lanes

[BLOS Demonstration video]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3ch1J9ugmM>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a YouTube video player. The browser's address bar displays the URL www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3ch1J9ugmM. The video player shows a software interface for a GIS tool. The main window displays a map with a network of roads and green areas. A dialog box titled "Calculate BLOS of Streets" is open, showing a progress bar and a list of streets being processed. The video player controls at the bottom indicate the video is at 0:59 / 1:26.

Bicycle Level of Service GIS Tool

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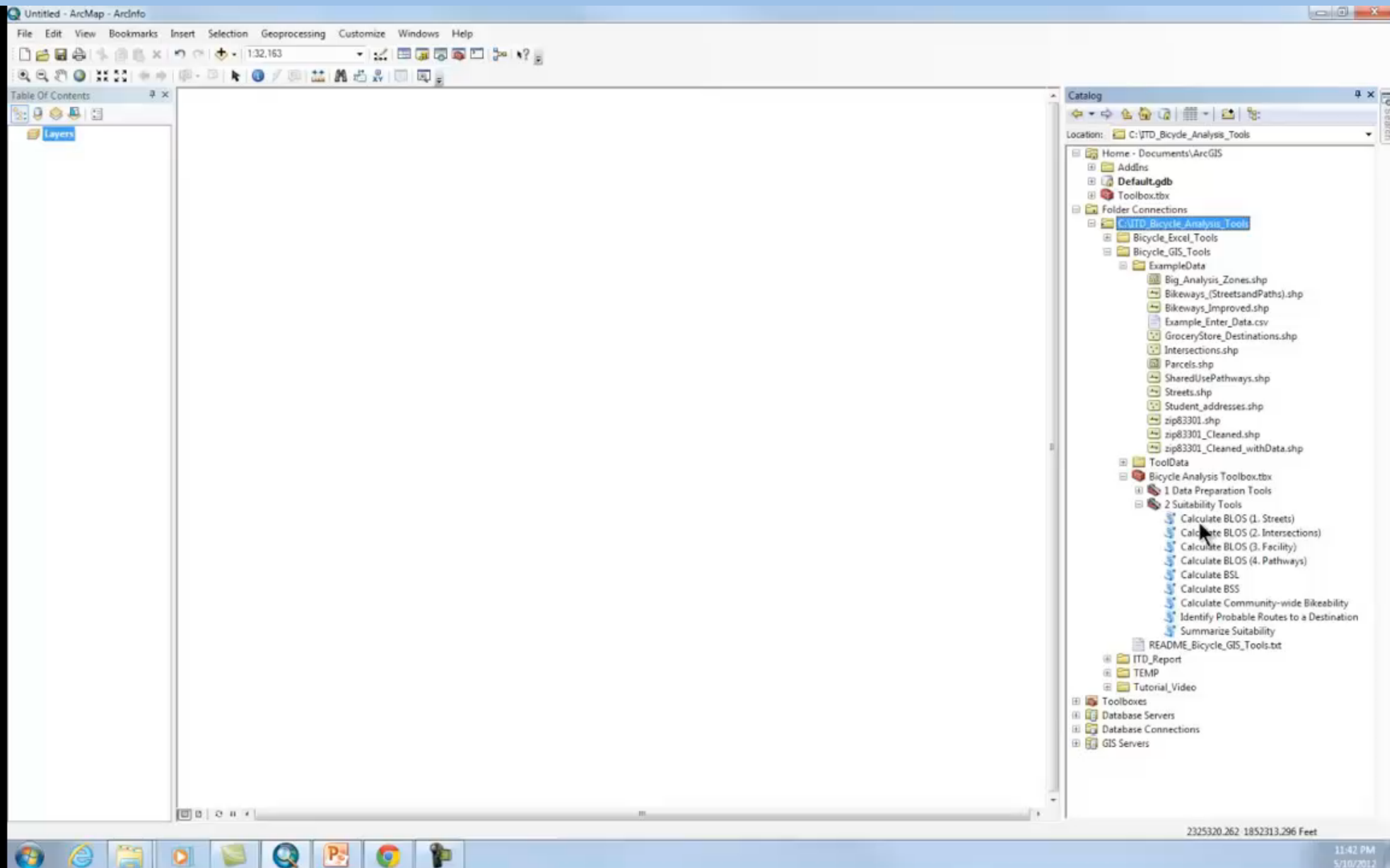
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Purchase tools: <https://marketplace.uidaho.edu/C20272...>

Full video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eba_h9...

These tools are based the 2010 Highway Capacity Manual (HCM)





BLOS	Current Conditions	Proposed Improvement Scenario 1	Proposed Improvement Scenario 2
A	70	78	84
B	7	8	5
C	10	8	5
D	7	3	3
E	3	1	1
F	3	2	2

Great Bicycle Suitability...

...But does it go anywhere?



Tool 2

CALCULATE COMMUNITY-WIDE BIKEABILITY

- **Bicycle Suitability**

Perceived comfort and safety of a segment of street or pathway

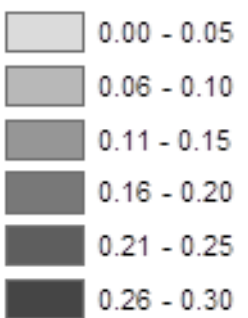
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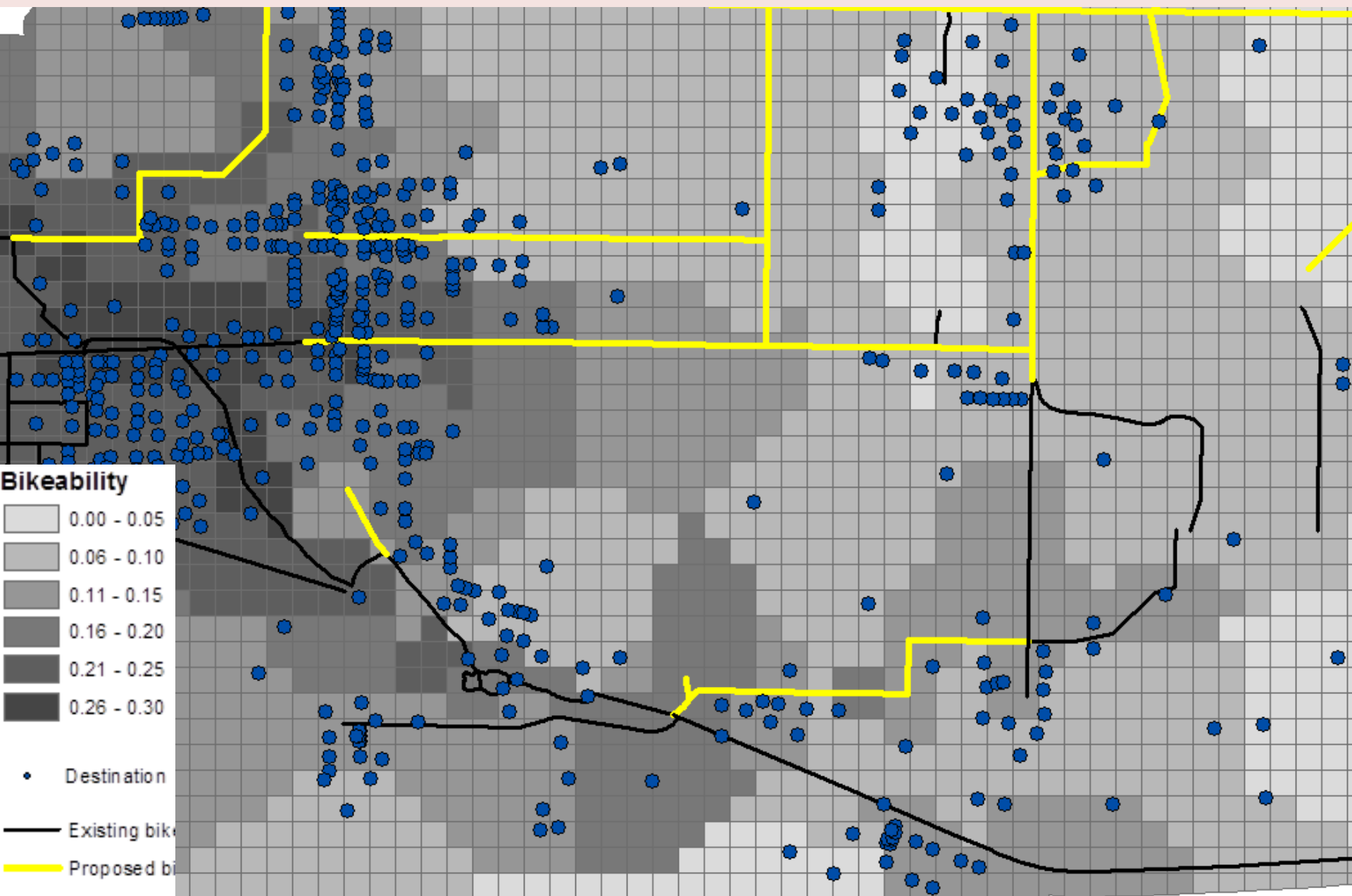
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Bikeability

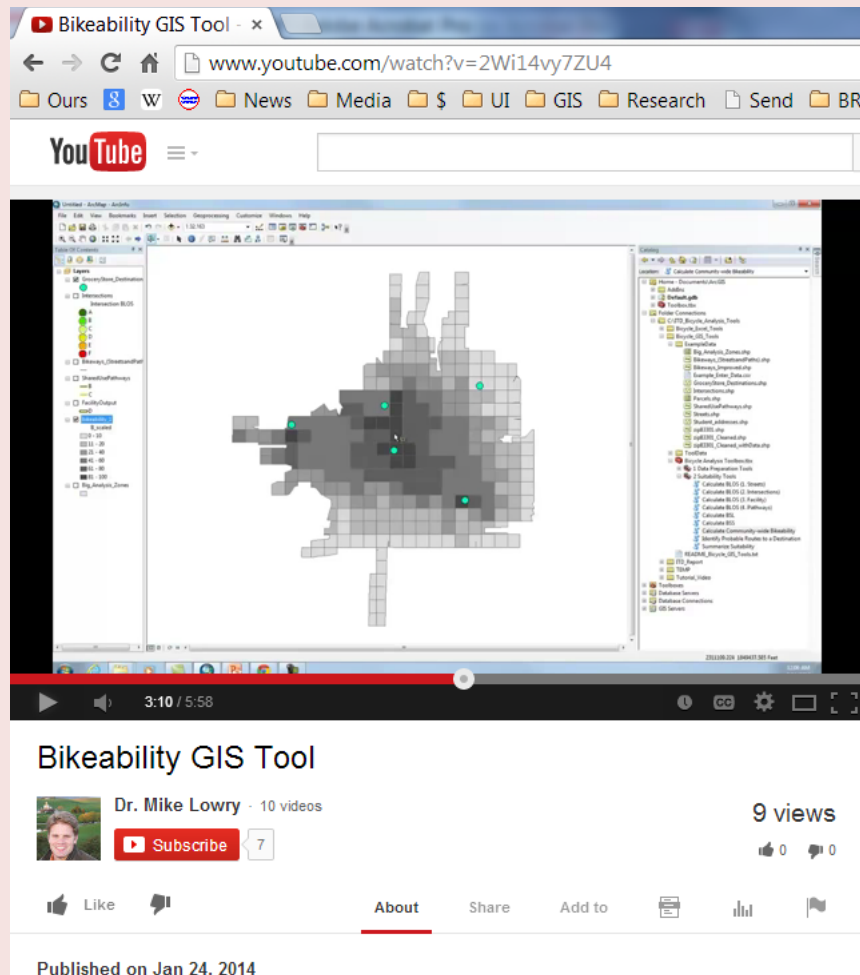


- Destination
- Existing bike
- Proposed bike



[Bikeability Demonstration video]

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The screenshot shows a YouTube video player displaying a demonstration of the 'Bikeability GIS Tool'. The video frame shows a web browser window with the YouTube URL in the address bar. Below the browser, the software interface of the 'Bikeability GIS Tool' is visible. The interface includes a map of a city area with a grid overlay and several green dots. To the left of the map is a 'Layers' panel with a tree view of data layers. To the right is a 'Catalog' panel listing various tools and data sources. The video player controls at the bottom show the video is at 3:10 / 5:58. Below the video player, the video title 'Bikeability GIS Tool' is displayed, along with the channel name 'Dr. Mike Lowry - 10 videos', a 'Subscribe' button, and a view count of '9 views'. The video was published on Jan 24, 2014.

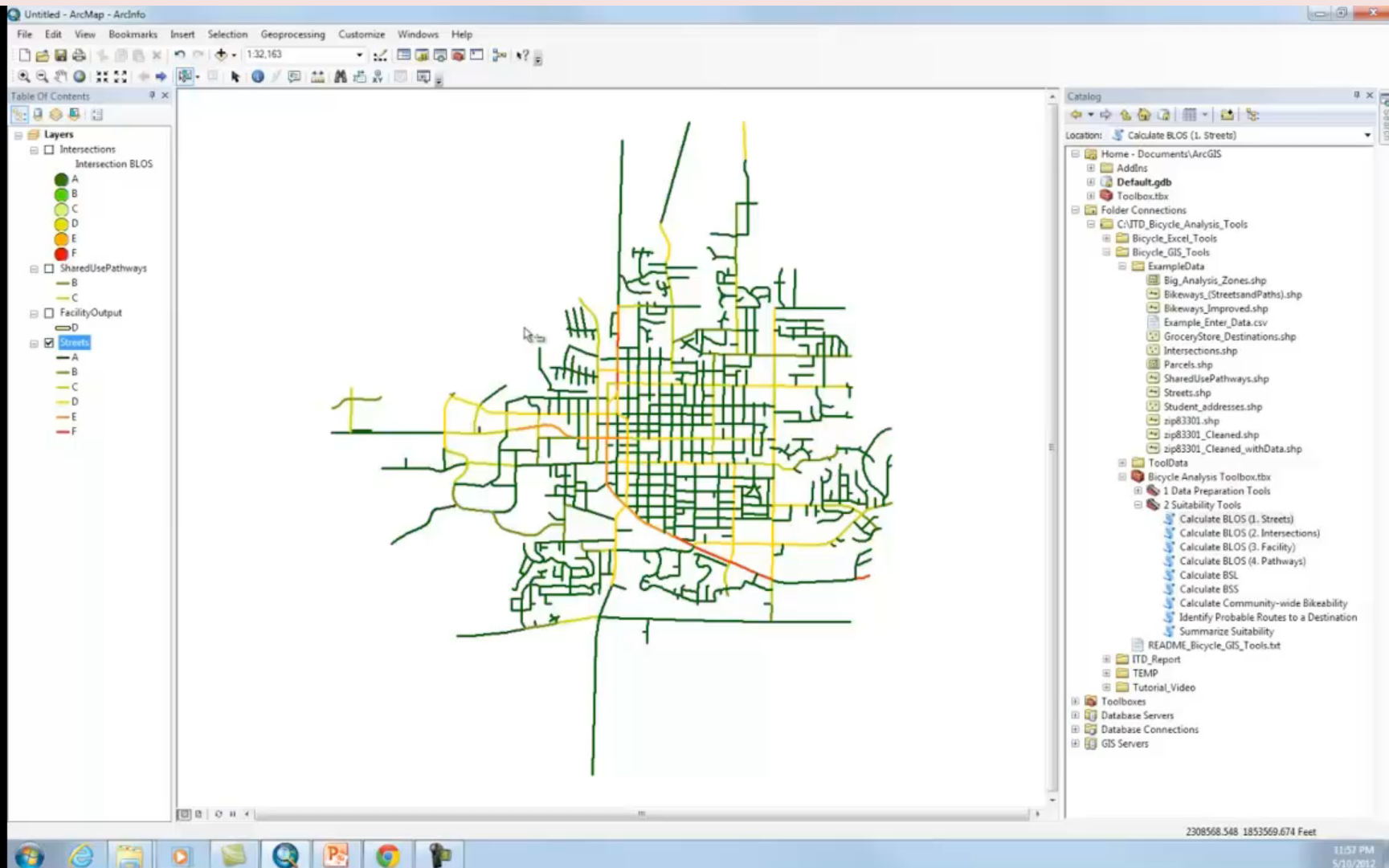
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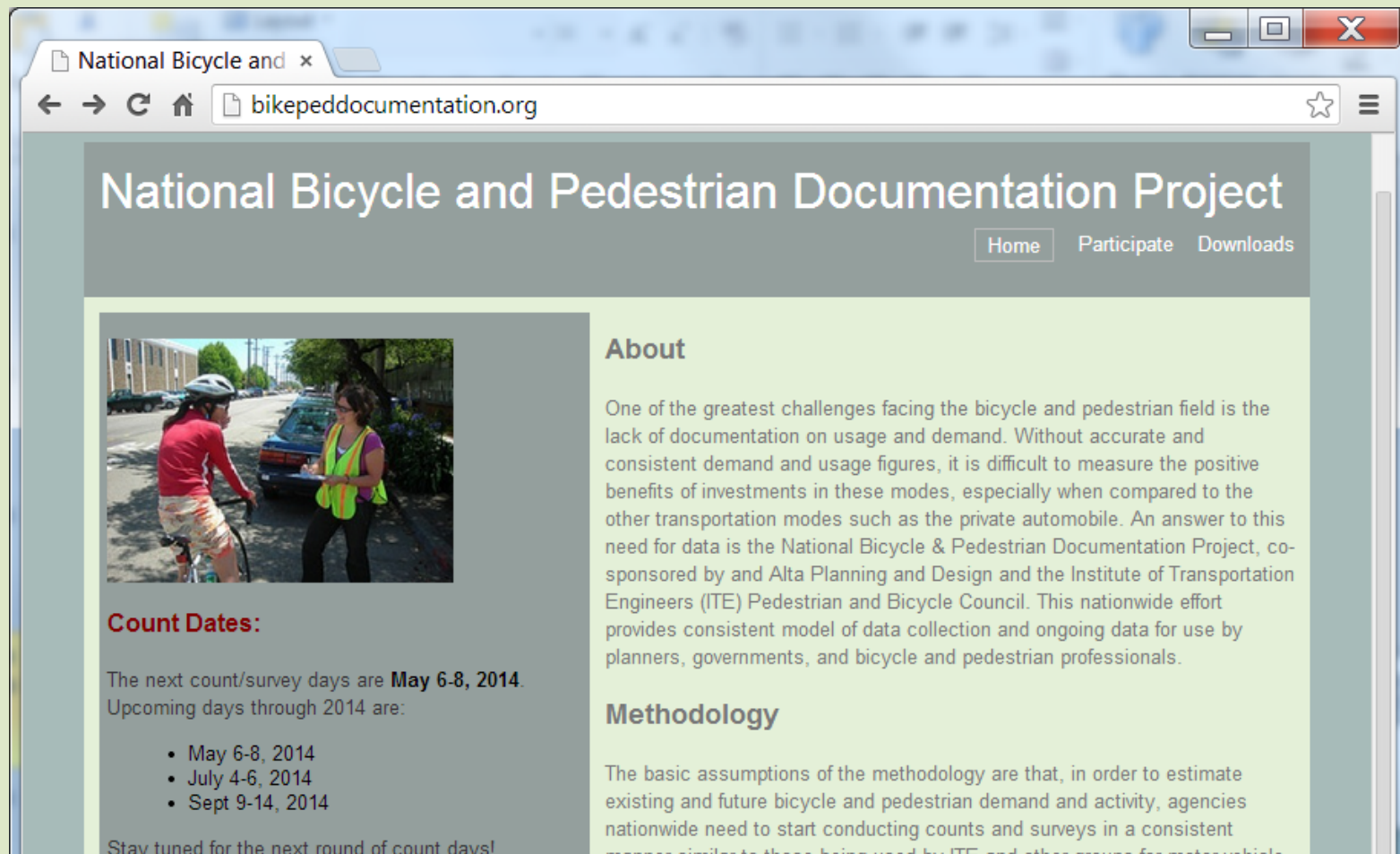


Tool 3

ESTIMATE BICYCLE VOLUMES

Background

Citizen-volunteer count programs



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "bikepeddocumentation.org". The page title is "National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project". The navigation menu includes "Home", "Participate", and "Downloads". The main content area features a photograph of a cyclist and a pedestrian, followed by the "Count Dates:" section. The "About" section describes the project's goals and sponsors. The "Methodology" section outlines the basic assumptions of the data collection process.

National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project

Home Participate Downloads

Count Dates:

The next count/survey days are **May 6-8, 2014**.
Upcoming days through 2014 are:

- May 6-8, 2014
- July 4-6, 2014
- Sept 9-14, 2014

Stay tuned for the next round of count days!

About

One of the greatest challenges facing the bicycle and pedestrian field is the lack of documentation on usage and demand. Without accurate and consistent demand and usage figures, it is difficult to measure the positive benefits of investments in these modes, especially when compared to the other transportation modes such as the private automobile. An answer to this need for data is the National Bicycle & Pedestrian Documentation Project, co-sponsored by Alta Planning and Design and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Pedestrian and Bicycle Council. This nationwide effort provides consistent model of data collection and ongoing data for use by planners, governments, and bicycle and pedestrian professionals.

Methodology

The basic assumptions of the methodology are that, in order to estimate existing and future bicycle and pedestrian demand and activity, agencies nationwide need to start conducting counts and surveys in a consistent manner similar to those being used by ITE and other groups for motor vehicle

Instructions

The other dates were selected to provide a representative sampling of activity during a typical spring (May) and winter (January) period. The 4th of July period was selected because it will afford both a typical summer weekday and what is typically the busiest holiday period and activity period for recreational facilities and activities.

Having an official count week is also important for generating enthusiasm around the date. Much like nationwide Bike to Work Weeks, we hope that the National Documentation Project Week in September will become a much-anticipated annual event in localities around the nation.

Times

Based on our research, we are recommending (see below). However, if you have been doing using these same time periods for all full

RECOMMENDED

Weekday, 5-7
Saturday, 12-2

SECONDARY

Weekday, 7-9
Saturday, 7-9

Rationale for Time Periods

Time periods are more important for conducting counts since the afternoon/evening periods were chosen since the afternoon/evening travelers, with commuters, school children, and recreational bicyclists conducted during these periods will provide the most bicycling during the peak periods of the day. Actual local peak periods may vary from the national count time periods but that the national count time periods be used if it is determined that this period

Automatic Machines

While the NBPD is based on manual counting, it is important to consider conducting counts to consider conducting counts in the community. These machines will give information on usage, benefits and other information.

Weather

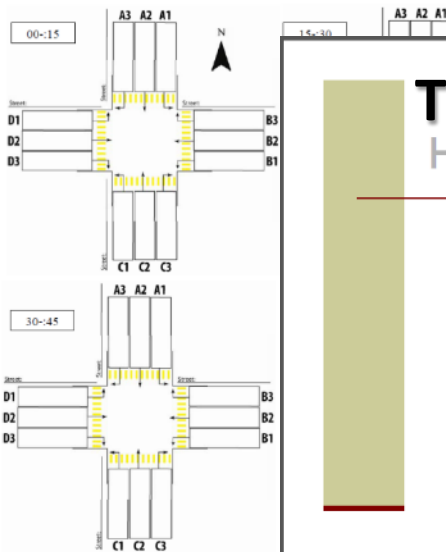
Weather may be a determinant in selecting when to conduct counts and surveys, but a particular day or period may be poor or unusual during the count period

Forms

Worksheet

Please fill in your name, count location, date, time period, and weather conditions (fair, rainy, very cold). Count all bicyclists crossing through the intersection under the appropriate categories.

- Count for two hours in 15-minute increments.
- Count bicyclists who ride on the sidewalk.
- Count the number of people on the bicycle, not the number of bicycles.
- Use one intersection graphic per 15-minute interval.



Training Presentation

How do you count this?



The National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project
and the Institute of Transportation Engineers

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Citizen Volunteer Counts

2012 WASHINGTON STATE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

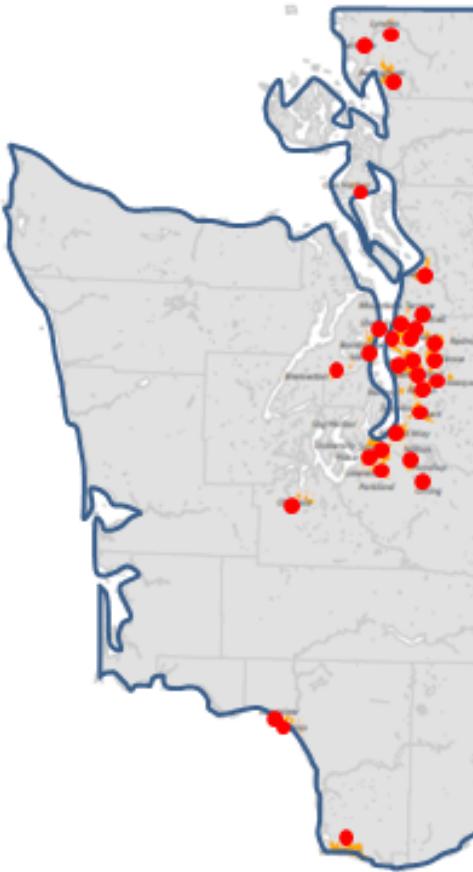


Table 2: Count cities and locations by year

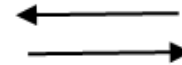
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Bellevue	4	3	13	13	13	13	5	7	7	8
Bellingham	6	6	12	12	17	17	18	18	18	18
Bothell	5	6	6	4	6	3	6	5	6	5
Bremerton	6	6	6	4	6	5	1	3	6	5
Burien	0	0	4	9	9	9	9	9	10	10
Ellensburg	6	4	5	4	2	3	3	5	4	4
Everett	6	6	9	9	8	5	10	9	11	11
Federal Way	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Ferndale	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gig Harbor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Issaquah	0	0	6	4	7	3	6	3	6	6
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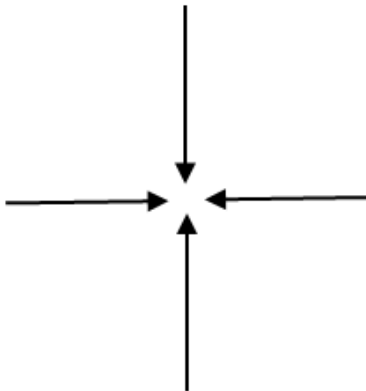
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Gig Harbor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Issaquah	0	0	6	4	7	3	6	3	6	6
Kelso	0	0	5	7	8	8	0	1	2	0
Yakima	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	1
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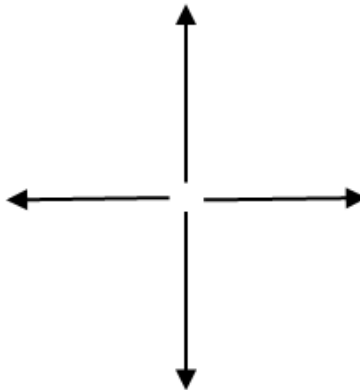
2 Movement
Screenline



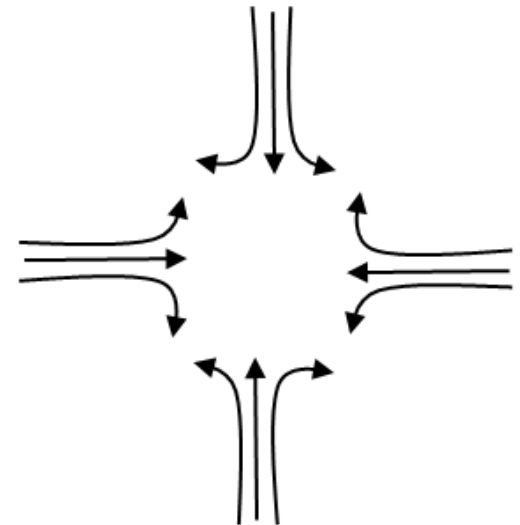
4 Movement
Toward Intersection



4 Movement
Leaving Intersection

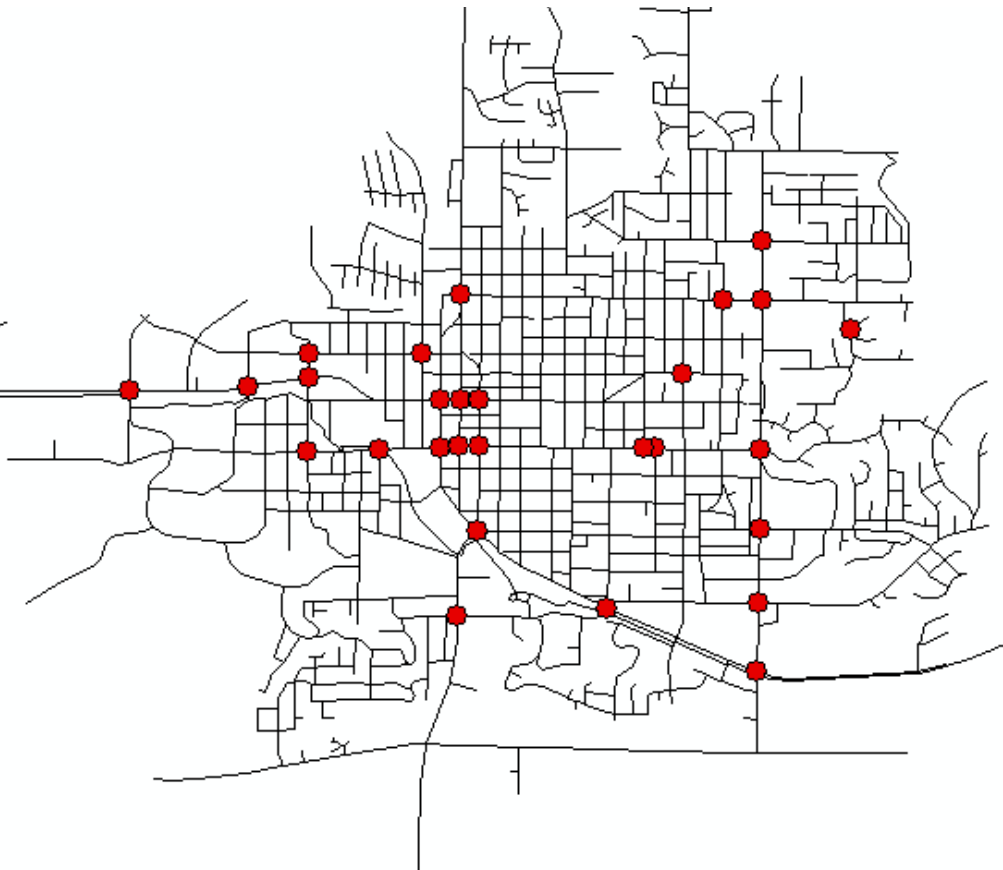


12 Movement



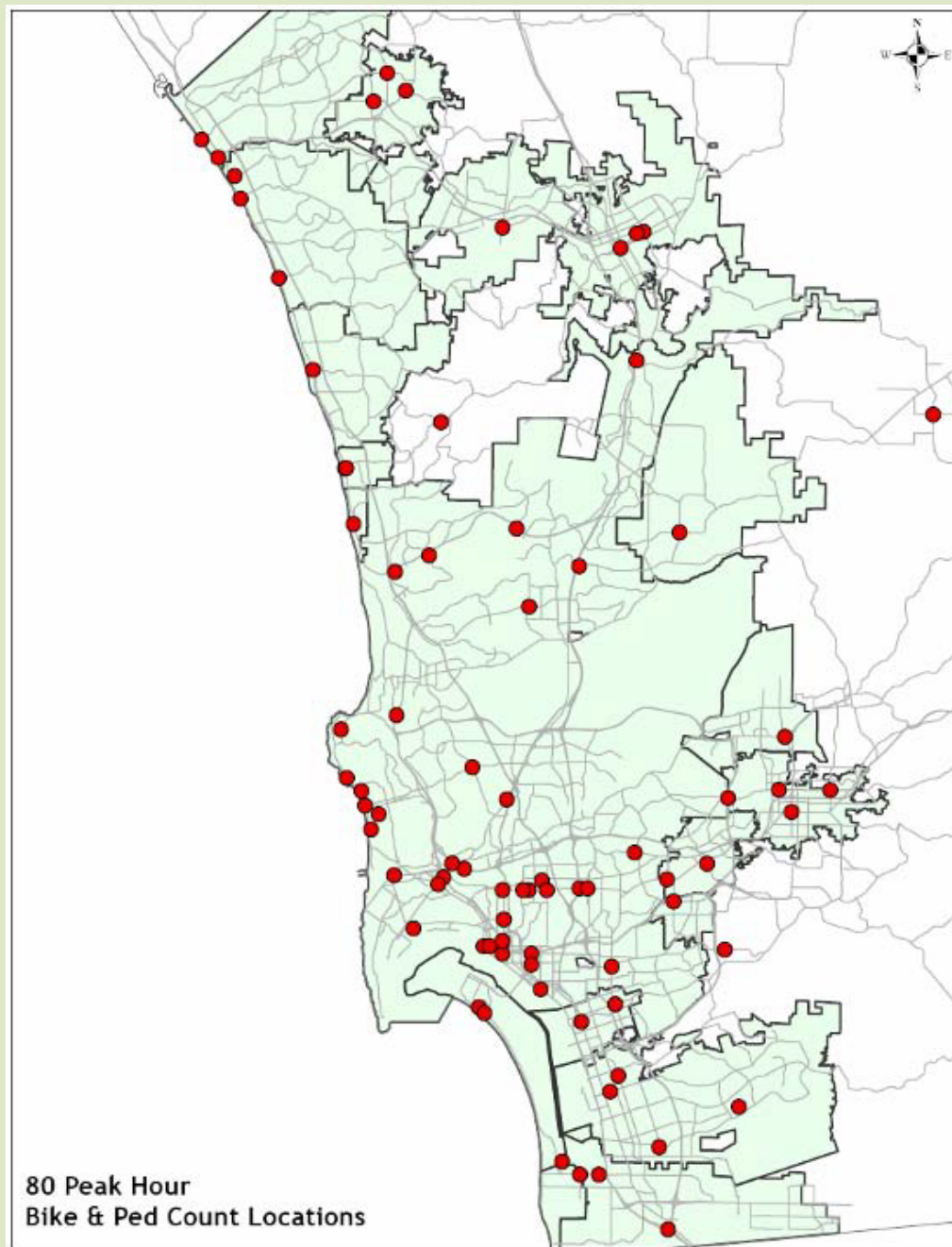
**How can citizen-volunteer
count data be used?**

Snap shot of volumes

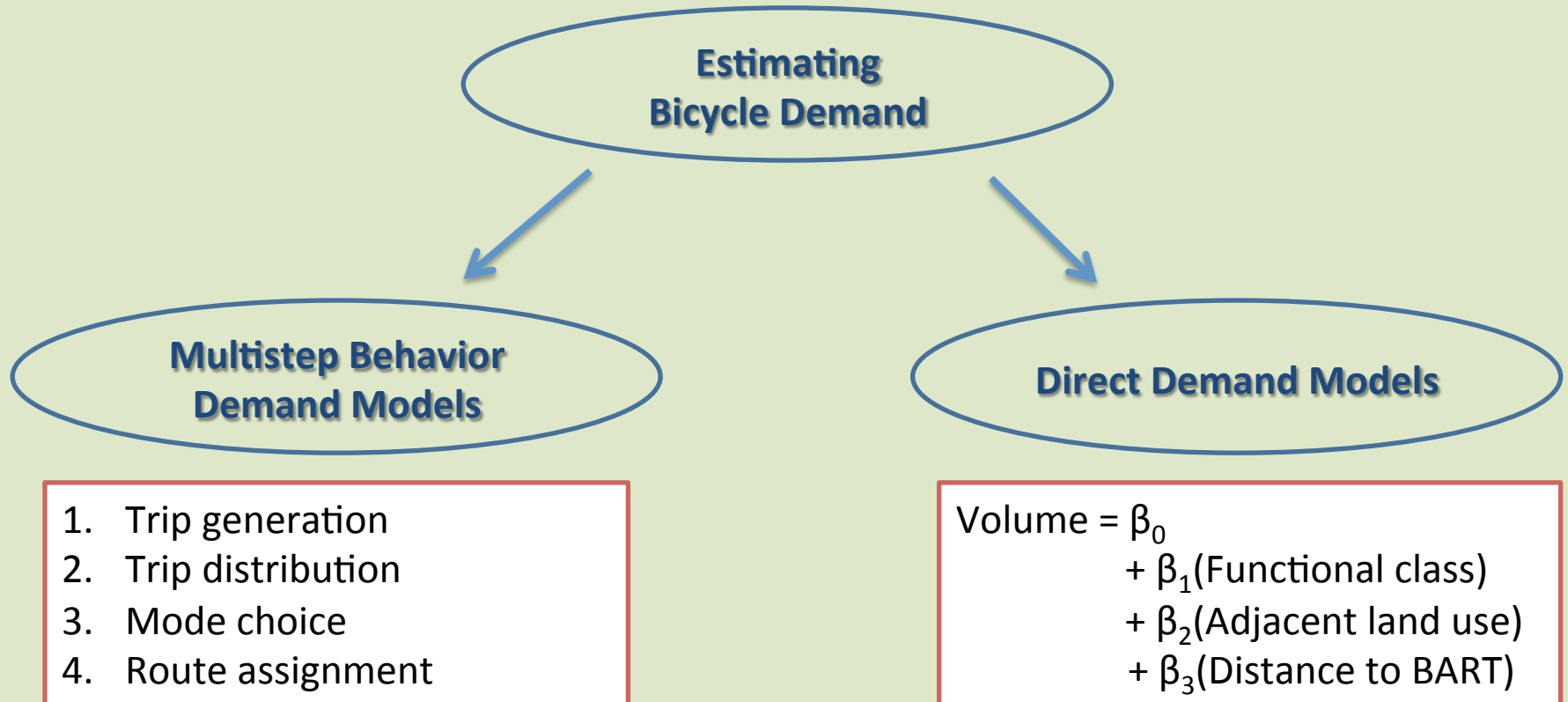


- **26 Locations**
- **2011, 2012, 2013**
- **7:00 – 9:00 AM**
- **4:00 – 6:00 PM**

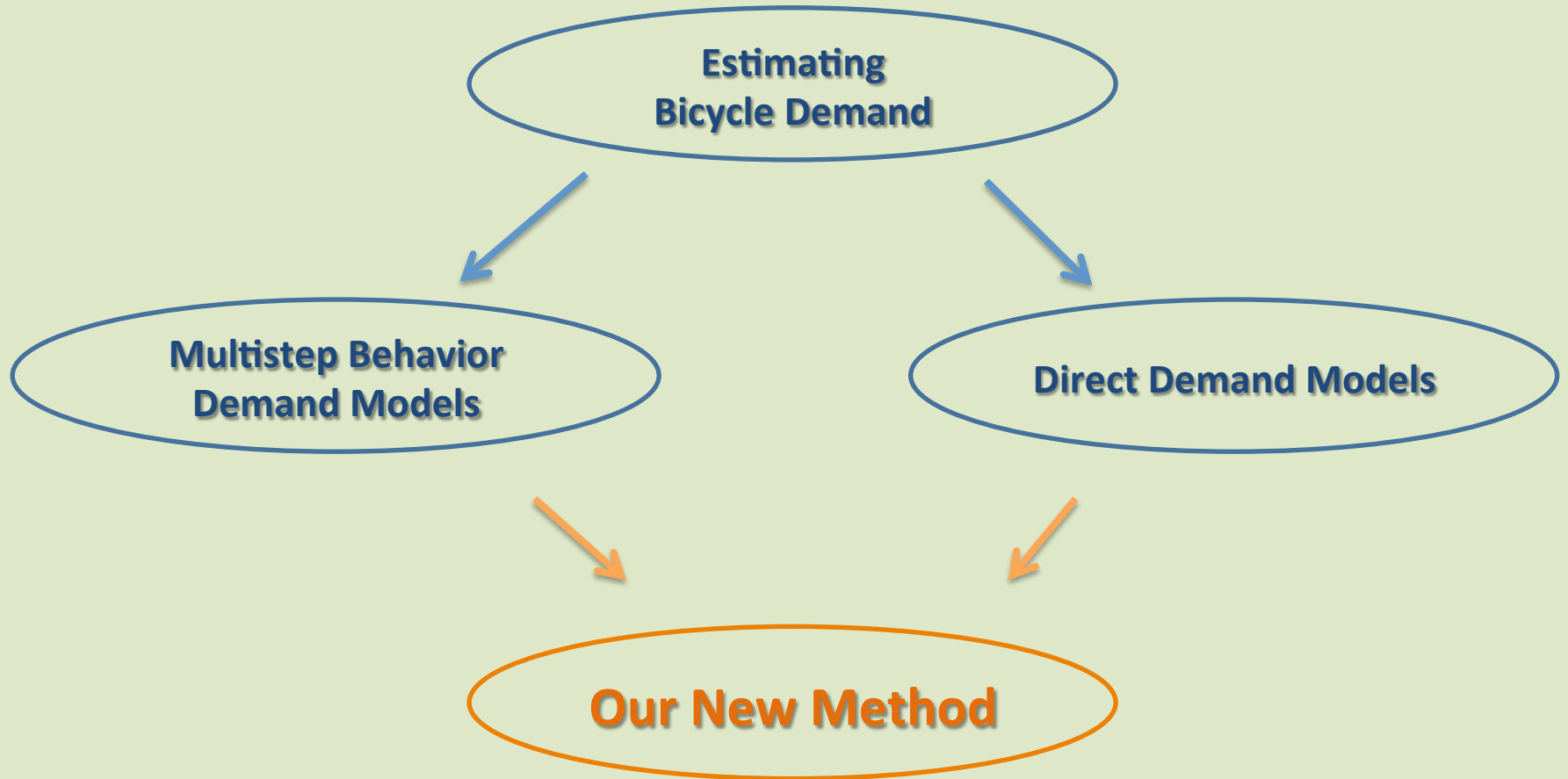
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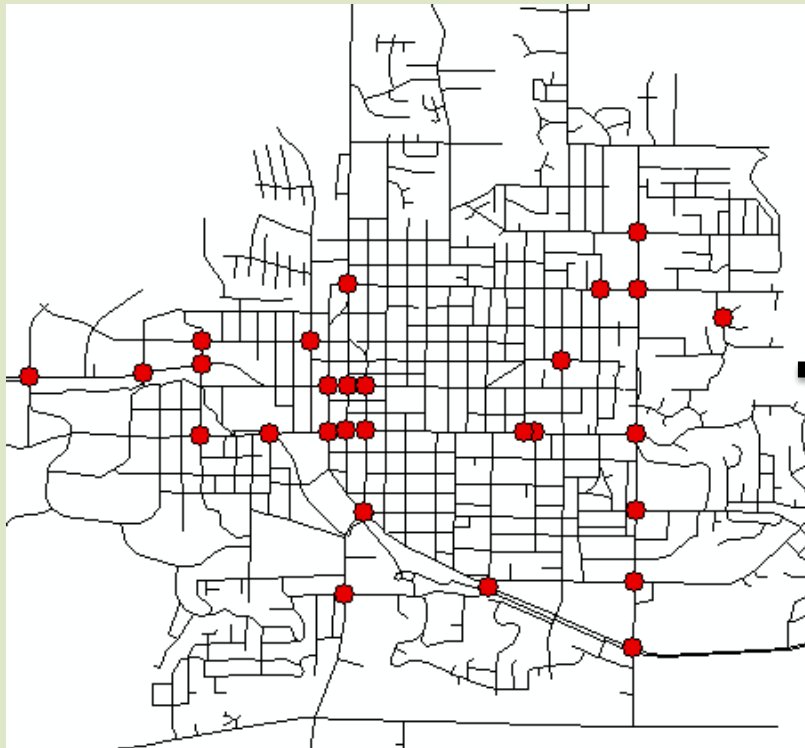


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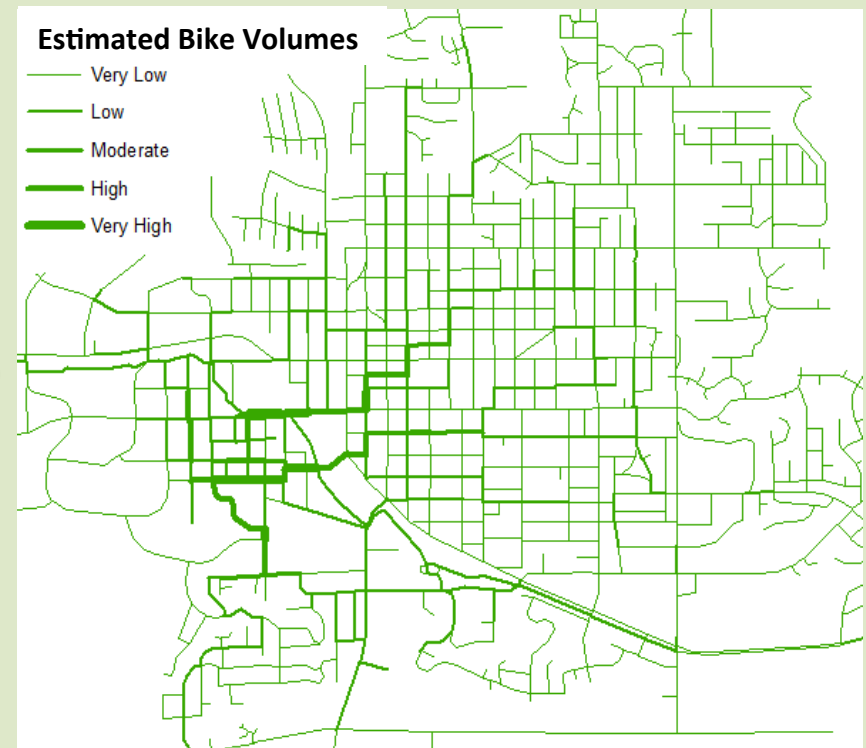


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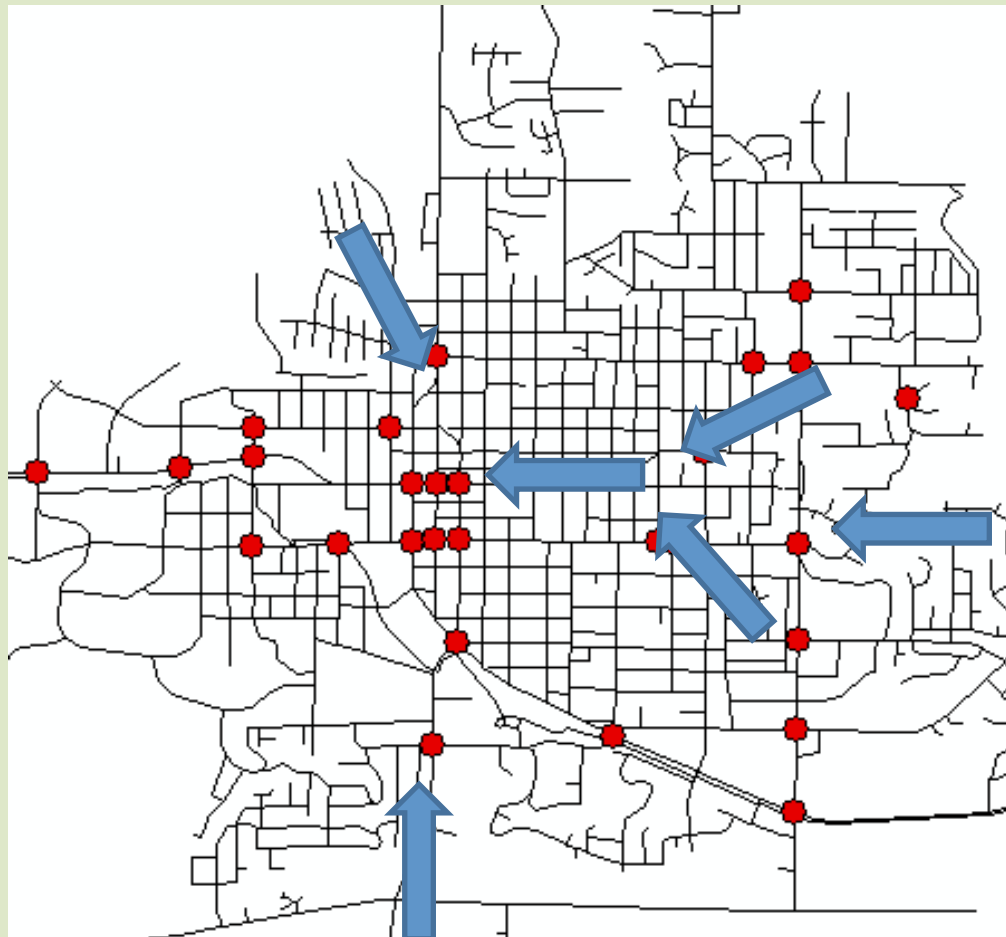


Observed Count Points



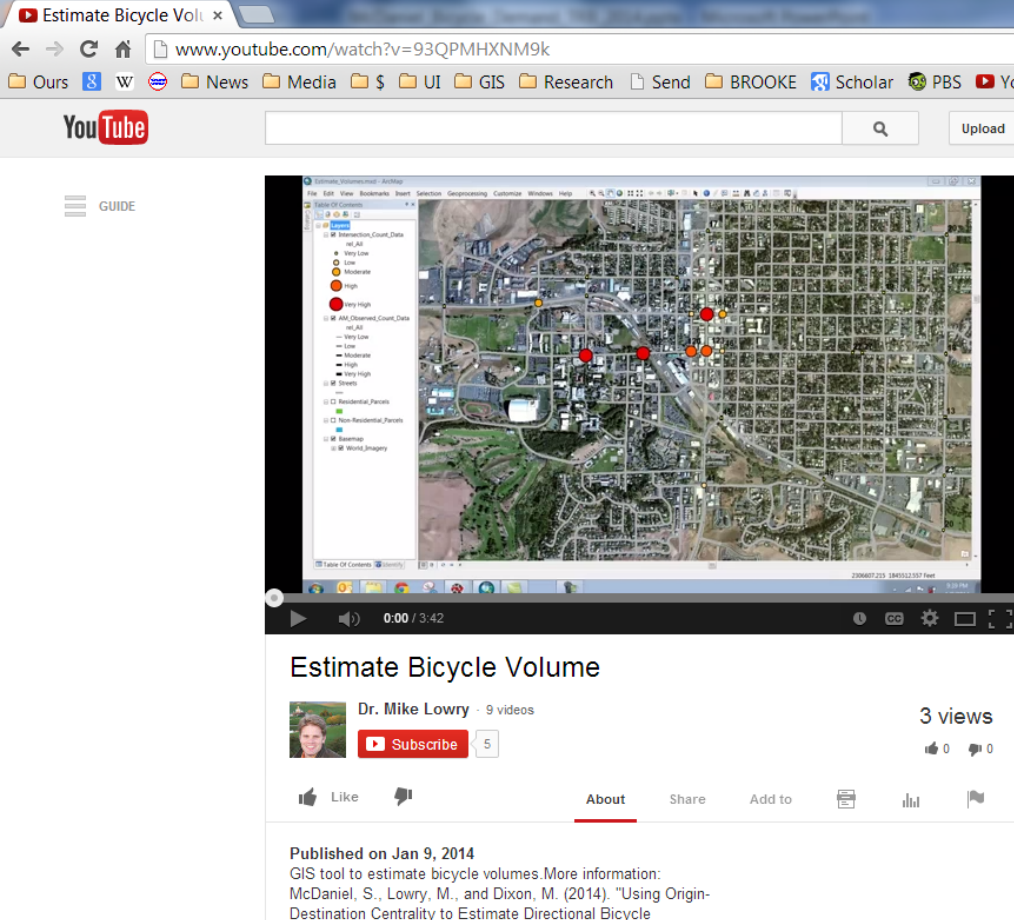
**Network-wide
2 Hour Volume**

Topological Flow



[Volume Estimation Demonstration video]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMp2XlQaykw>



The screenshot displays a YouTube video player with the title "Estimate Bicycle Volume". The video content shows a GIS application window titled "Estimate Bicycle Volume - ArcMap". The application interface includes a "Table of Contents" on the left with layers such as "M_Intersection_Count_Data", "M_AAA_Observed_Count_Data", "M_Street", "C3_Residential_Parcel", "C3_Non-Residential_Parcel", "M_StreetMap", and "M_World_Imagery". The main map area shows an aerial view of a city street grid with several red and orange circular markers indicating specific locations. The video player interface includes a progress bar at 0:00 / 3:42, a "Like" button, a "Subscribe" button, and a "Share" button. The video was published on Jan 9, 2014, and has 3 views.

Estimate Bicycle Volume

Dr. Mike Lowry · 9 videos

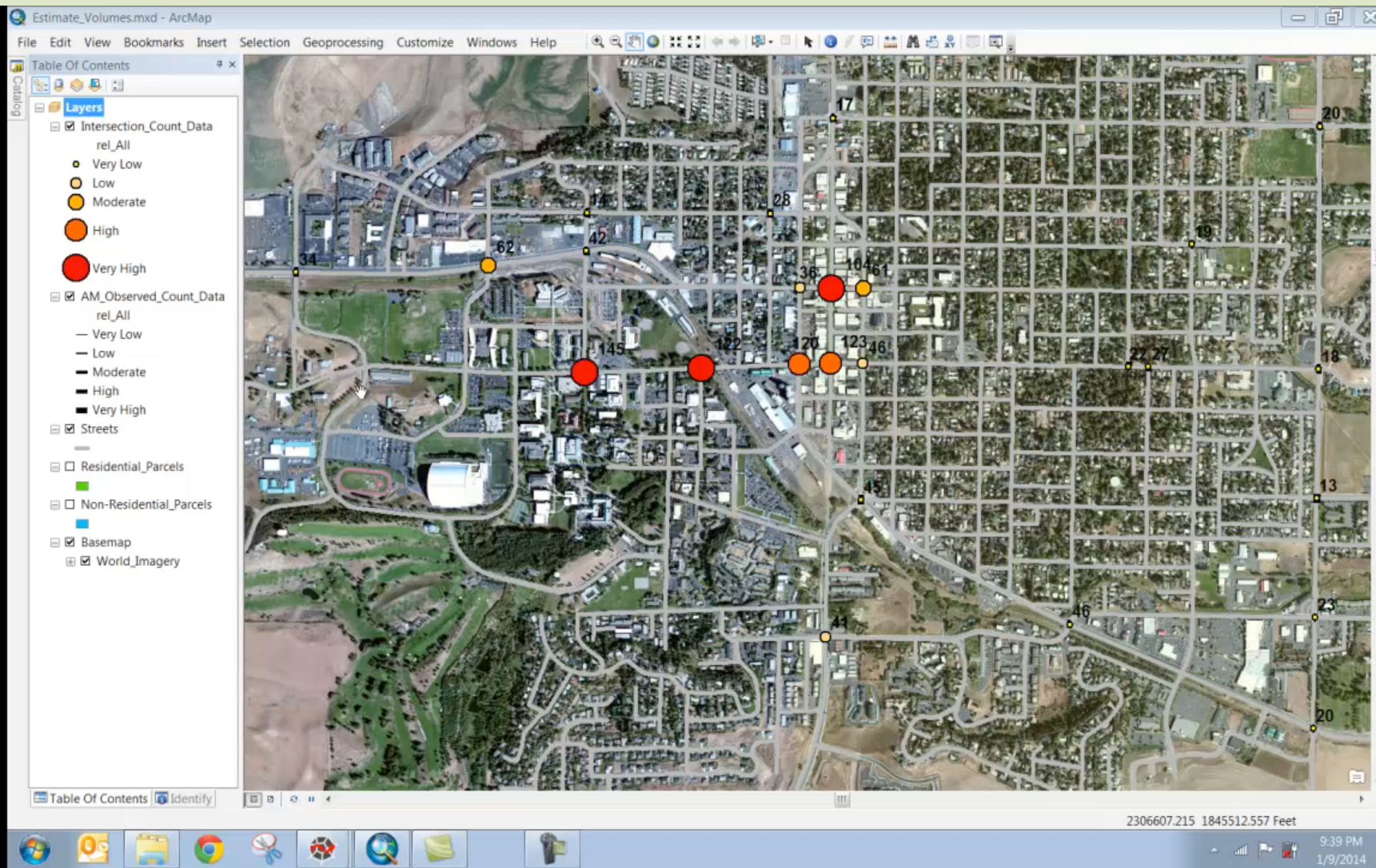
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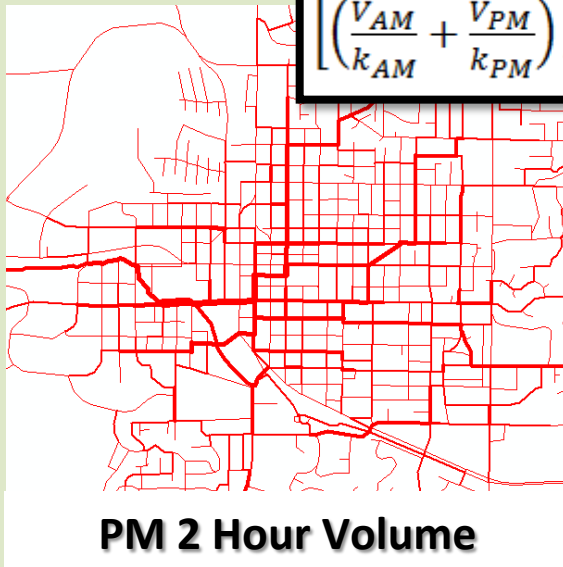
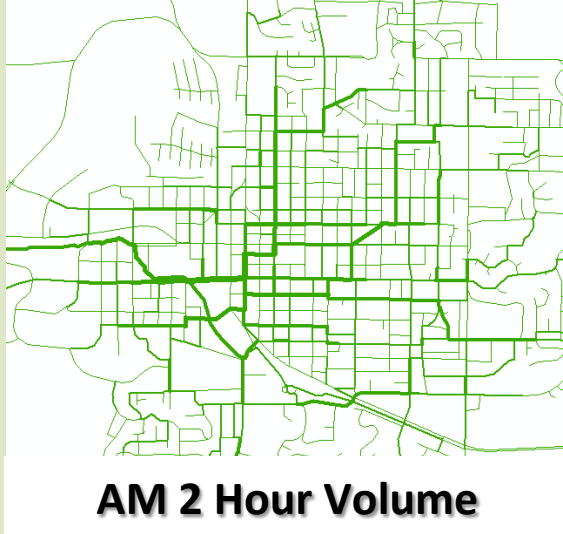
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GIS tool to estimate bicycle volumes. More information:
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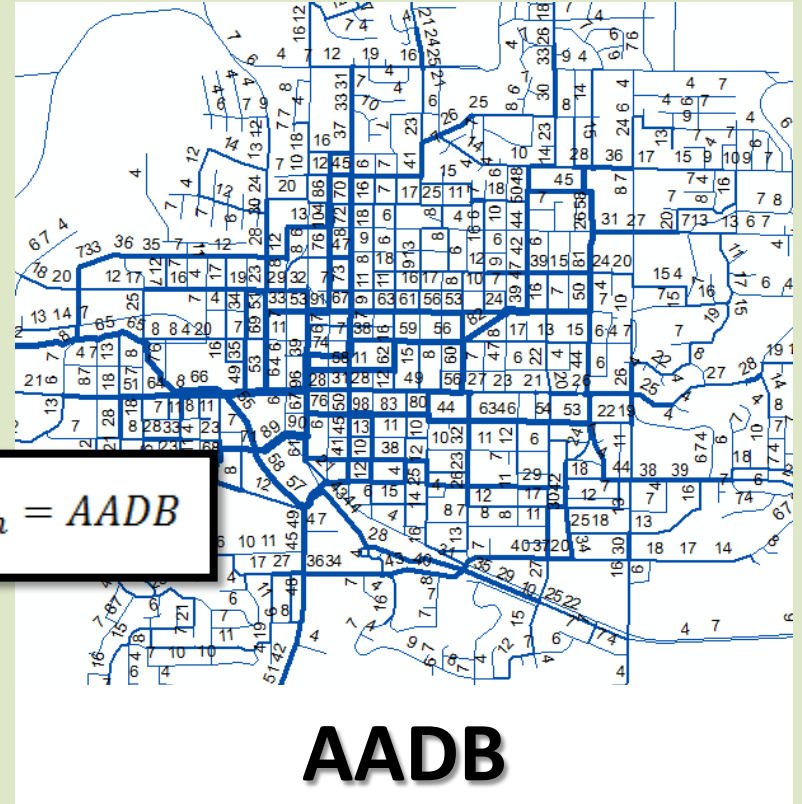


Step 1. Spatially Extrapolate



$$\left[\left(\frac{V_{AM}}{k_{AM}} + \frac{V_{PM}}{k_{PM}} \right) / 2 \right] * F_{day} * F_{month} = AADB$$

Step 2. Temporally Extrapolate



Scenario Planning



Scenario Planning

Third Street Bicycle Volumes Existing and Forecasted

Intersection Cross Street	Existing Conditions (AADB)	Proposed Scenario (AADB)
Van Buren Street	24	226
Harrison Street	28	230
Tyler Street	32	230
Polk Street	44	253
Taylor Street	89	239
Fillmore Street	127	255
Pierce Street	146	255

**Increase of about
200 bicyclists per day.**

**Increase of about
150 bicyclists per day.**



Tool 4

ASSESS DANGEROUS SITUATION EXPOSURE

Background

Challenge of Accident Analysis

1. Lack of Volume Data
2. Lack of Accident Data



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(Situational Antecedents to accidents)

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Dedicated ROW in harsh traffic	Cycling in a dedicated right-of-way adjacent to high vehicle volume, speed, and/or percent heavy vehicle	Reynolds et al., 2009; Pucher and Buehler, 2012.
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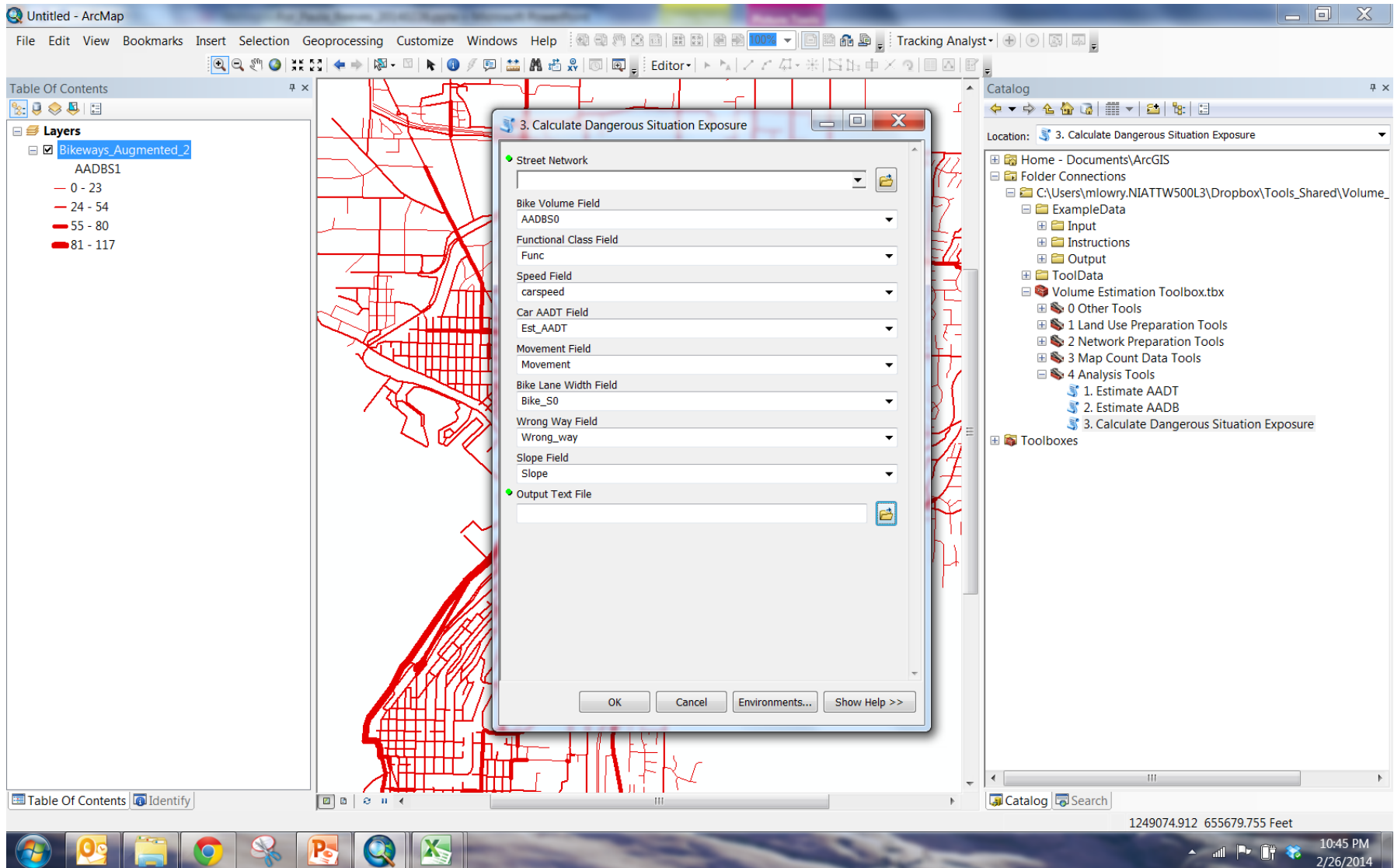
Community-specific metrics
should be based on:

- **Public involvement**
- **Local experience**
- **Latest research**

Dangerous Situation	Metric
Separated cycling in harsh traffic	Bike lane Vehicle volume > 8,000 AADT
Mixed cycling in harsh traffic	No bike lane Vehicle volume > 3,000 AADT
Cramped space	Vehicle lane width < 12 ft Vehicle volume > 1,000 AADT Vehicle speed limit > 20 mph
Parking maneuvers and dooring	Parking turnover > 4 maneuvers per hr
Frequent access points	Access points > 30 per mile
Steep grade	Grade > 4%
Wrong-way riding	Wrong-way riding occurrence
Unexpected cyclers	Cyclist volume < 50 AADB



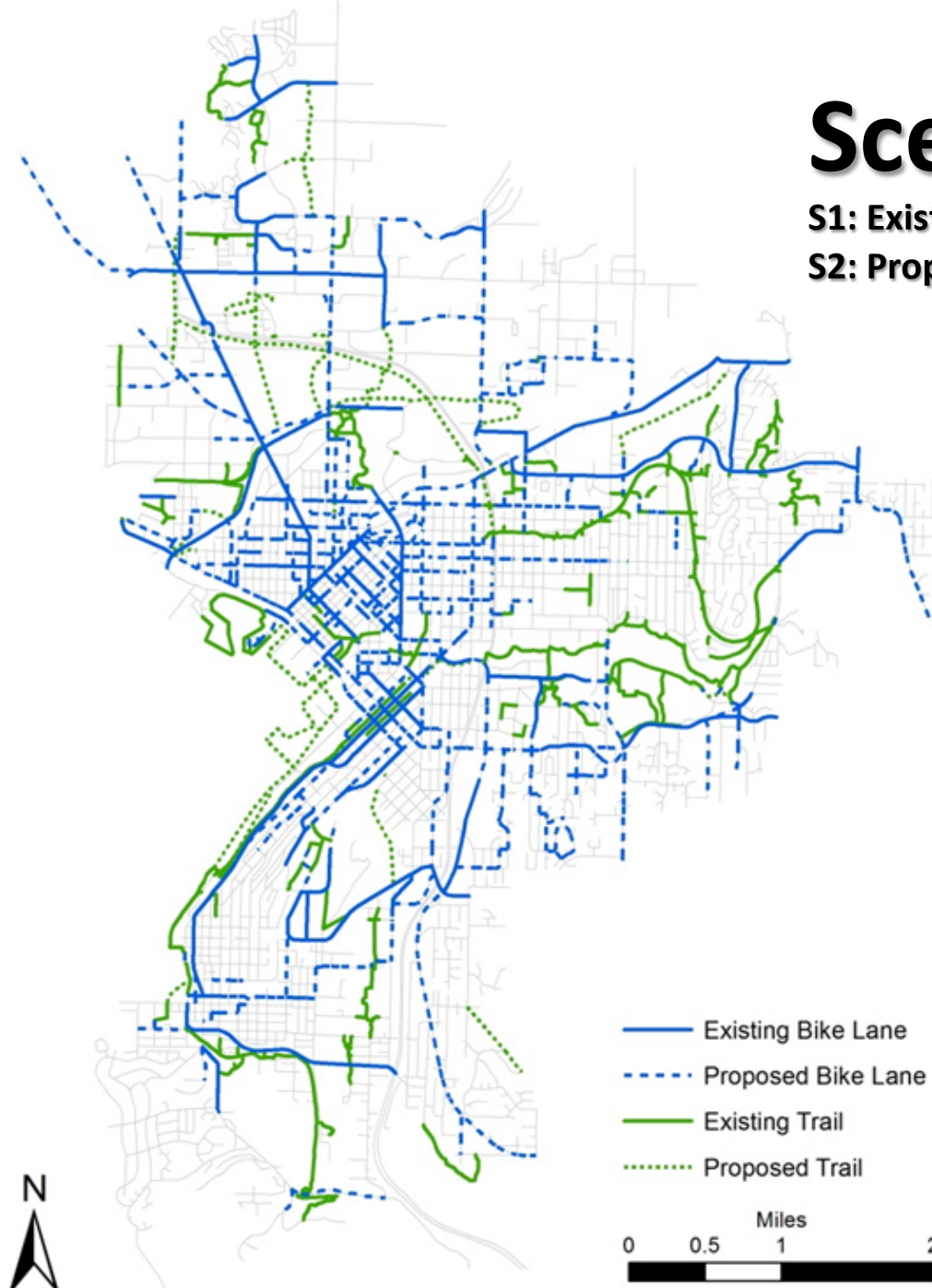
Step 2. Calculate Exposure



Scenarios

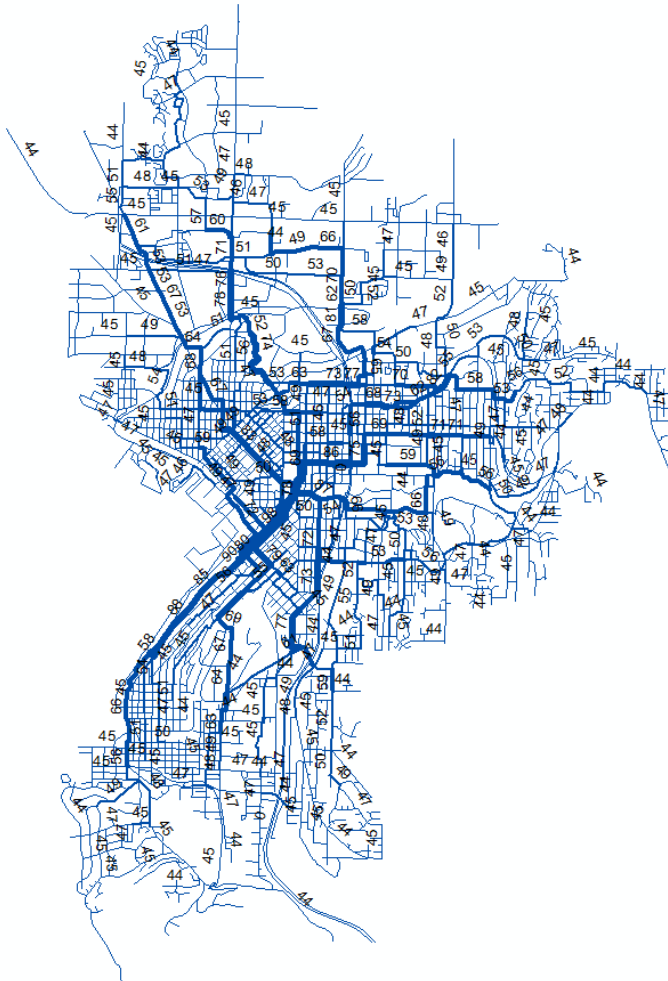
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S2: Proposed Improvements

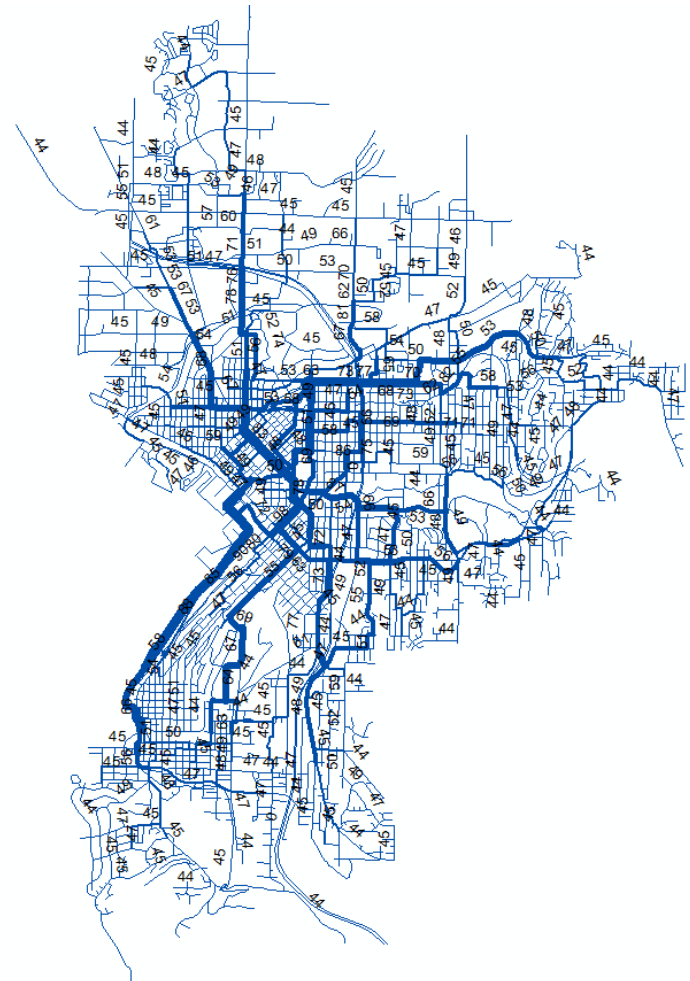


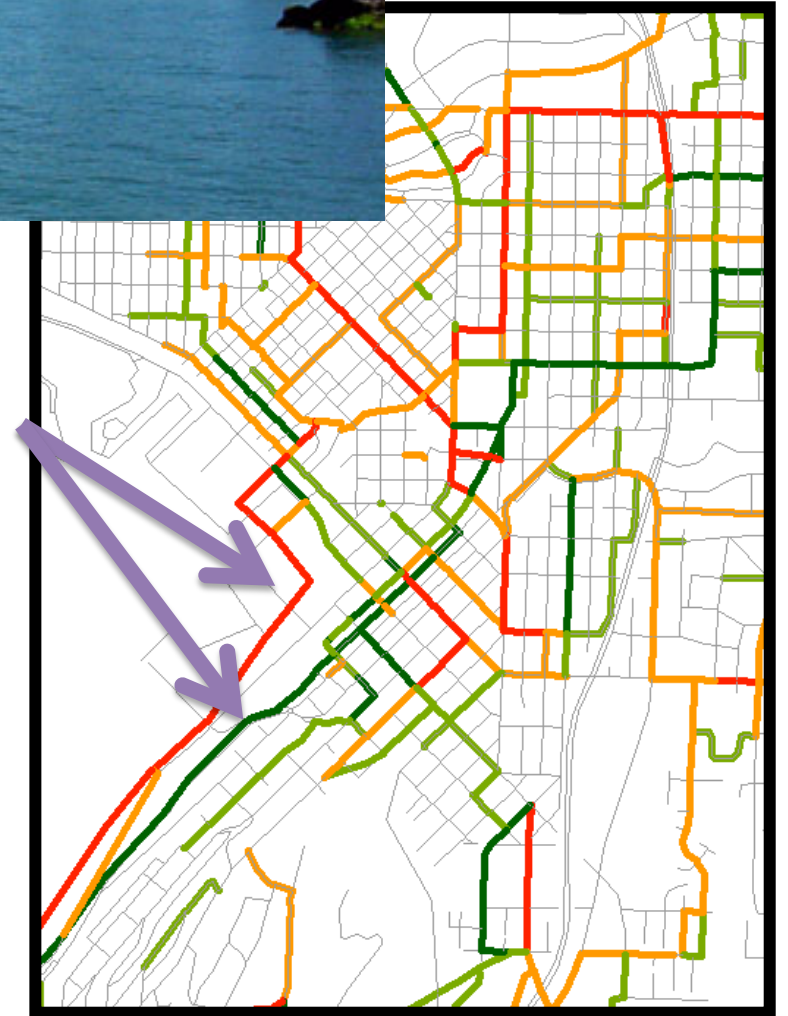
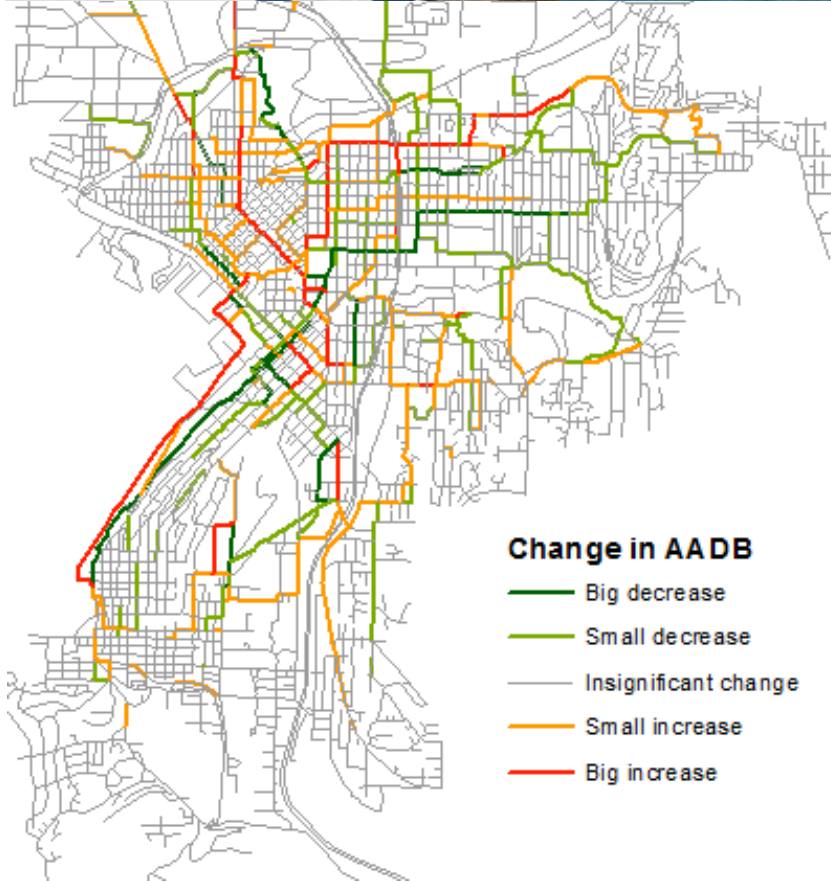
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Scenario 1 (Existing)



Scenario 2 (Proposed)





Exposure Along Street Segments

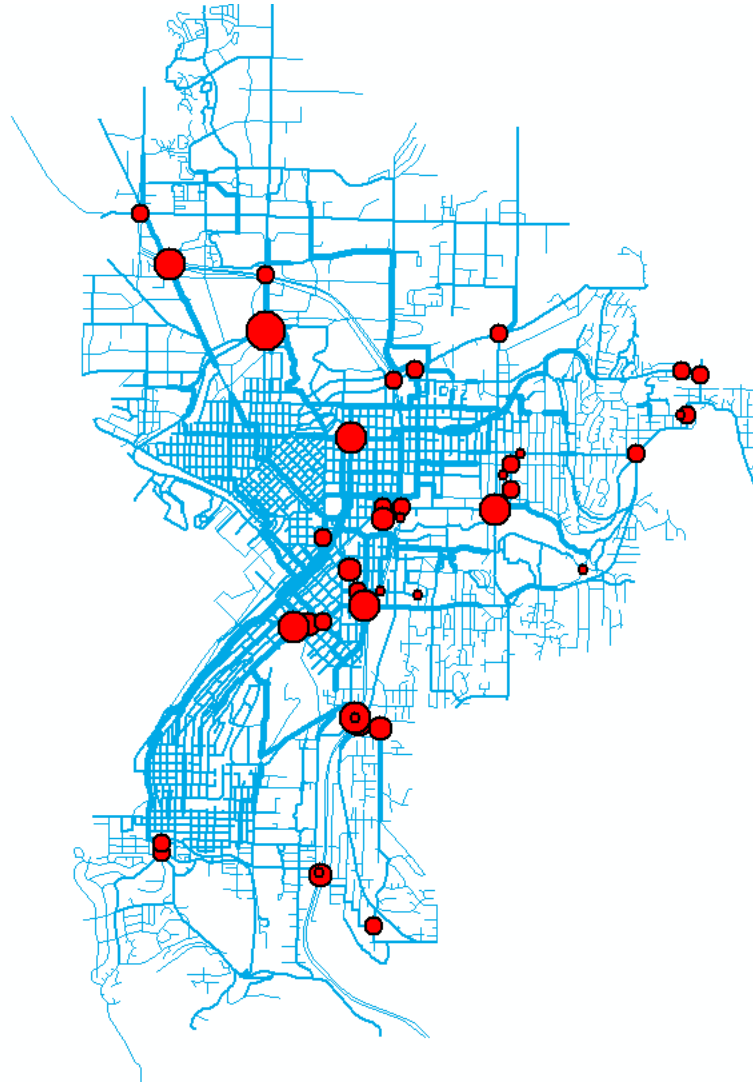
Dangerous Situation	Metric Conditions	Scenario 1: Existing Conditions (Annual BMT)	Scenario 2: w/ Proposed Improvements (Annual BMT)	Change (Annual BMT)	Percent Change
Mixed cycling in harsh traffic	No bike lane Vehicle volume > 3,000 AADT	666,000	272,000	-394,000	-59%
Dedicated ROW in harsh traffic	Bike lane Vehicle volume > 8,000 AADT	97,000	250,000	153,000	158%
Cramped space	Veh. lane width < 12 ft Vehicle volume > 1,000 AADT Vehicle speed limit > 20 mph	307,000	180,000	-127,000	-41%
Dooring and vehicle parking	Vehicle parking turnover > 4 per hr	2,646,000	2,746,000	100,000	4%
Frequent access points	Access points > 30 per mile	3,923,000	3,847,000	-76,000	-2%
Steep grade	Grade > 4%	197,000	197,000	0	0%
Wrong-way riding	Wrong-way riding occurrence	134,000	145,000	11,000	8%
Infrequent cyclers	Cyclist volume < 15 AADB	1,151,000	1,096,000	-55,000	-5%

Exposure at Intersections

Dangerous Situation	Metric Conditions	Scenario 1: Existing Conditions (Annual Bicyclists)	Scenario 2: w/Proposed Improvements (Annual Bicyclists)	Change (Annual Bicyclists)	Percent Change
Crossing harsh intersections	Cross street vehicle volume > 2,000 AADT	7,114,000	6,647,000	-467,000	-7%
Right hook	Vehicle right turns > 1,000 AADT	605,000	577,000	-28,000	-5%
Left sneak	Oncoming thru vehicle volume > 2,000 AADT	7,516,000	7,523,000	7,000	0%
Thru clip	Oncoming left-turn vehicle volume > 1,000 AADT	615,000	613,000	-2,000	0%

Hot Spot Analysis

**Right Hook
Exposure**



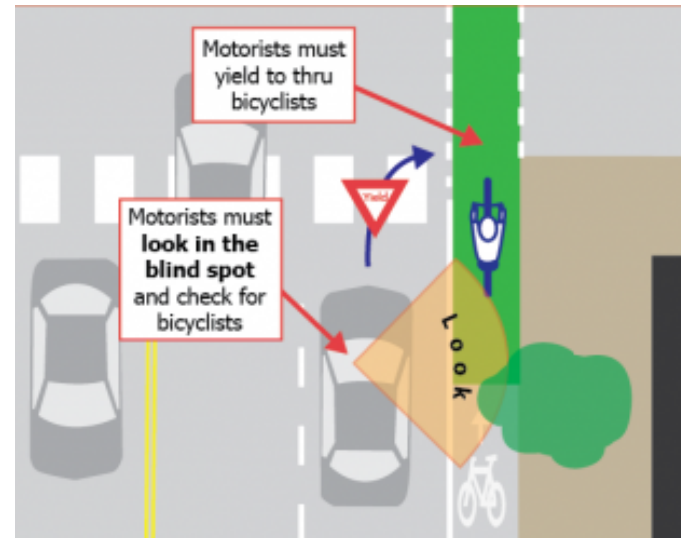
Future Work

1. Create Safety Performance Functions (SPFs) based on exposure.

$$\text{Expected Number of Right Hook Accidents} = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{right hook exposure})$$

2. Create Crash Modification Factors (CMFs) to for improvements.

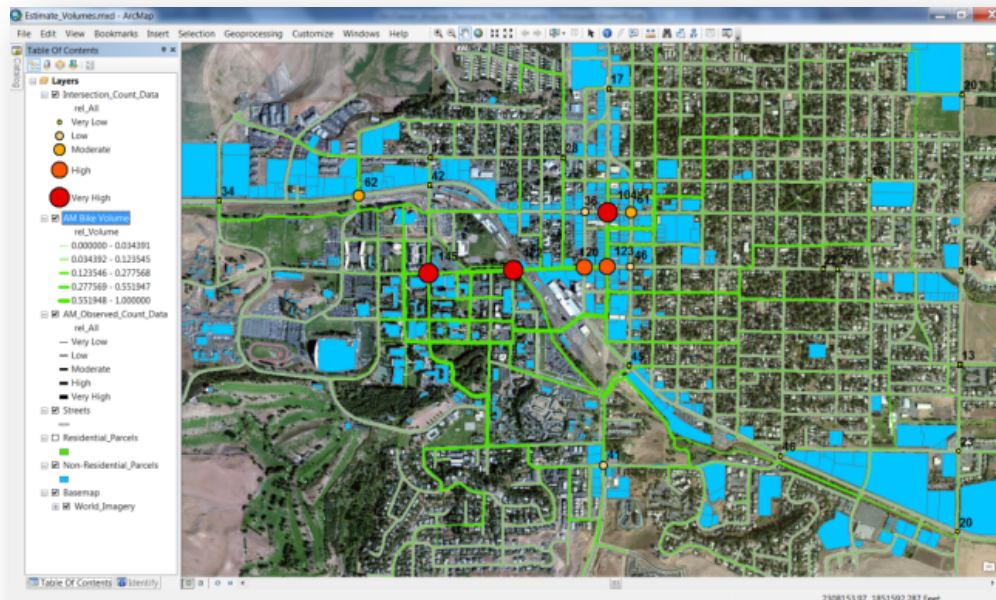
green paint => 12% reduction



Conclusions

New tools are...

- Inexpensive and easy to use,
- Require commonly available GIS data, and
- Can produce very good results.



Thank you...

...Questions??



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